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Date: June 28, 2000

Ms. Jil Swearingen Center for Urban Ecology USDI National Park Service 1100 Ohio Drive, SW Washington, DC 20242

Dear Jil:

On June 19 and 20, 2000, Rod Whiteman of my staff conducted aerial detection surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at several Park Service sites in and around Washington, D.C. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, Baltimore-Washington Parkway (from Route 410 north to Route 175), Fort Foote, Fort Washington, Greenbelt Park, Oxon Hill Children's Farm, Piscataway Park and Rock Creek Park (northern half). Although no defoliation was detected at Fort Duncan, defoliation was detected at Harper's Ferry National Historical Park. This defoliation will be depicted in a later report.

If you request either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2001, please contact Brad Onken or Rod by letter or telephone (304) 285-1541 before August 25, 2000.

Please contact Rod at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

JOHN W. HAZEL

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